

anniversary, it is a great time to reflect on all the positive work its congregation has done in New Hyde Park over the past half century and to look towards a future of continued public and spiritual service.

The work of this Church and its congregation is inspiring to us all, and I am immensely grateful to them for all that they have accomplished. I ask my colleagues to join me in expressing the gratitude of the U.S. Congress for their extensive contributions to society.

#### EARMARK DECLARATION

### HON. LAMAR SMITH

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 7, 2009*

Mr. SMITH of Texas. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of the FY 2010 Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act.

Requesting Member: Congressman LAMAR SMITH

Bill Number: FY 2010 Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act

Account: Corps of Engineers—Investigations

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: U.S. Corps of Engineers (on behalf of the Lower Colorado River Authority)

Address of Requesting Entity: P.O. Box 17300, Fort Worth, TX 76102

Description of Request: I have secured \$700,000 for the Lower Colorado River Basin Study. It is my understanding that the funding will be used towards the completion of the basin wide study in order to identify cost-effective ways to reduce flood damages in the lower Colorado River basin of Texas. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

Requesting Member: Congressman LAMAR SMITH

Bill Number: FY 2010 Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act

Account: Corps of Engineers—Investigations

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (on behalf of the San Antonio Water System)

Address of Requesting Entity: P.O. Box 17300, Fort Worth, TX 76102

Description of Request: I have secured \$600,000 for the Nueces River and Tributaries Study. It is my understanding that the funding will be used for the continuation of a detailed study of the complex relationships between surface water, groundwater and the varying ecosystems and communities dependent on such water. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

Requesting Member: Congressman LAMAR SMITH

Bill Number: FY 2010 Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act

Account: Corps of Engineers—Construction

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (on behalf of the San Antonio River Authority)

Address of Requesting Entity: P.O. Box 17300, Fort Worth, TX 76102

Description of Request: I have secured \$1,500,000 for the San Antonio Channel Improvement Project. It is my understanding that

the funding will be used for the Mission Reach project to restore an eight-mile stretch of the San Antonio River south of downtown previously channelized for flood control purposes. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

Requesting Member: Congressman LAMAR SMITH

Bill Number: FY 2010 Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act

Account: Department of Energy—EERE

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Bexar County

Address of Requesting Entity: 100 Dolorosa, San Antonio, TX 78205

Description of Request: I have secured \$1,000,000 for the Bexar County Solar Collection Farm and Distribution System. It is my understanding that the funding will be used for the installation of a 200-kilowatt solar photovoltaic system. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

IN COMMEMORATION OF THE GREAT CHARITABLE WORKS OF CHARLIE AND SANDY MARKEL IN MEMORY OF THEIR SON, RYAN

### HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 7, 2009*

Mr. HIGGINS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the great charitable works of Charlie and Sandy Markel in memory of their son, Ryan. Ryan tragically died during a school swim class on December 19, 2002 at age eleven. This was a heartbreaking loss to his family, friends and community.

Since the death of their young son, the Markel family has been working hard to spread safety awareness, especially in the school setting. They started Ryan's Hope Foundation, which offers low-cost cardiopulmonary resuscitation and defibrillator certification, as well as pool safety. Since the founding of Ryan's Hope Foundation, the Markels and their team of volunteers have trained around four thousand people in CPR and defibrillator skills.

Ryan was deeply loved by his family, friends and his school community. Mourning the loss, many members of the community donated money to the Markels, which they immediately put into the Ryan's Hope Foundation. Along with the money that comes from certification fees, the Markels have put any money that would have gone toward Ryan's allowance, Christmas and birthday presents into the Foundation.

This past June, Ryan would have graduated from Depew High School. To honor Ryan's life, Ryan's Hope Foundation rewarded every college-bound member of the graduating class with the Ryan Markel Scholarship. Two students received a \$500 scholarship and 167 other graduates received a \$100 scholarship. The recipient also received a letter from Charlie, Sandy and their daughter, Amanda wishing the graduates luck and thanking them for being a part of Ryan's life.

Ryan's classmates also took measures to commemorate Ryan at graduation. During the ceremony, one of Ryan's classmates read a

letter about Ryan and called his family on stage. In addition, the graduating seniors created a memorial displayed in the foyer at the graduation ceremony, which included Ryan's photograph, a graduation cap and a poem. An entire page of the yearbook was dedicated to Ryan and his classmates included a tribute to Ryan in their class DVD. Finally, his classmates bought the rights to name a star in his honor.

It is my honor to commemorate the life of Ryan Markel and the charitable efforts of his family. On behalf of the Western New York community, I thank the Markels for their extraordinary efforts to increase safety awareness in the memory of their son.

#### EARMARK DECLARATION

### HON. MARIO DIAZ-BALART

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 7, 2009*

Mr. MARIO DIAZ-BALART of Florida. Madam Speaker, I submit the following information.

Requesting Member: Representative MARIO DIAZ-BALART (FL-25)

Bill Number: H.R. 2997

Account: Agricultural Research Service

Name of Requesting Entity: University of Florida/IFAS

Address of Requesting Entity: 700 Experiment Station Rd, Lake Alfred, FL, 33850

Description of Request: I have secured \$1,300,000 for the Citrus Canker and Greening Research. This funding will be used for Continuation of vital citrus Canker, citrus Greening/Huanglongbing (HLB) and Asian Citrus Psyllid (ACP) research to improve technologies for treatment and detection, methods of movement and containment, and means to control and eliminate these devastating citrus diseases and disease vector. Currently, citrus Canker disease, the spread of the ACP and citrus Greening/HLB are the two most serious diseases and vector facing the U.S. citrus industry. Both diseases and the vector have been declared endemic in the state of Florida and pose serious threats to California, Texas and to the viability of the U.S. citrus industry. Research supported through federal funding in addition to state and grower funds is critical to ensuring that the citrus industry remains a viable part of America's economy. In Florida alone, commercial citrus is a \$9 billion dollar a year industry that supports almost 90,000 jobs. California and Texas combined have over a \$3.2 billion economic impact with over 26,000 jobs in their respective states. Due to the severity of just these two diseases and vector, the importance of continuing critical research unabated is crucial. Canker is caused by a bacterium that creates lesions on the leaves, stems, and fruit of citrus trees, including oranges and grapefruit. While not harmful to humans, Canker significantly affects the health of trees, causing leaves and fruit to drop prematurely. Wind and rain serve as the vector of Canker. Citrus greening/HLB is a bacterial disease which is spread by the Asian citrus psyllid. Although it presents no threat to humans or animals, trees diagnosed with citrus greening/HLB have greatly reduced production and often die within a few years. Recently, research for these diseases and vector

has been done on a state by state basis. More than 100 research projects are currently underway in an attempt to find scientific answers to greening/HLB, the ACP and Canker. A new federal ARS research initiative could ultimately provide long-term solutions to these invasive pests and diseases. This new approach has become necessary to help protect U.S. citrus production and mitigate the impact of these exotic pest and diseases. Scientists are confident that intensive and sustained research can solve the Greening/HLB, ACP and Canker puzzles once and for all.

Requesting Member: Representative MARIO DIAZ-BALART (FL-25)

Bill Number: H.R. 2997

Account: CSREES

Name of Requesting Entity: University of Miami

Address of Requesting Entity: 142 Collegiate Loop, Tallahassee, FL, 32306

Description of Request: I have secured \$2,494,000 for the Southeast Climate Consortium. This funding will be used to characterize the impacts of ENSO-related climate variability (a global coupled ocean-atmosphere phenomenon producing the most prominent known source of inter-annual variability in weather and climate around the world) on agricultural commodities and specialty crops. Explore alternative management responses to realistic climate scenarios and quantify expected outcomes. Establish communications process that can rapidly disseminate climate information and decision support tools regularly while gleaning user feedback on the usefulness and relevance of the provided analyses via agricultural stakeholders and state extension services. Study the agricultural impact of water managers' decisions in response to climate variability. Weather and climate significantly affect agriculture; year-to-year climate variability (e.g., flooding, droughts) can dramatically impact agricultural productivity. Climate forecast information for a relatively small regional group of agricultural decision-makers has proven useful. By expanding efforts into Georgia and Alabama via new collaborations with universities there, we enhance our understanding and predictive abilities as we tailor information for a wider range of Southeast agricultural decision makers.

#### EARMARK DECLARATION

##### HON. HOWARD COBLE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 7, 2009*

Mr. COBLE. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information for publication in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 2996, the Interior, Environment and Related Agencies Appropriations Act of 2010.

Requesting Member: Congressman HOWARD COBLE

Bill Number: H.R. 2996

Account: Land and Water Conservation Fund

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Uwharrie Trail, Randolph County, North Carolina.

Address of Requesting Entity: U.S. Forest Service, 160 Zillicoa Street, Suite A, Asheville, NC 28801

Description of Request: The bill provides \$500,000 for land acquisition to complete the second portion of the Uwharrie Trail in Randolph County, NC. The Uwharrie National Forest is located in the Piedmont area of central North Carolina. It is located in a rural but developing area 40 miles from Charlotte (more than 1.3 million in population), and almost as near to the Research Triangle cities of Greenville/Raleigh and Durham, NC. At 50,189 acres, the Uwharrie is the smallest National Forest with the most fragmented ownership in North Carolina, owning only 23% of lands within the forest boundary. Land acquisition offers the best opportunity to consolidate this scattered ownership pattern and will also improve plant and wildlife habitat, reduce the threat to endangered species, increase recreation opportunities, and improve water quality in the Uwharrie River watershed. The Uwharrie National Recreation Trail currently runs north from a trailhead on Highway 24/27 near Wood Run Hunt Camp in Montgomery County through lands along the north portion of the Uwharrie National Forest in Randolph County. The current trail is 20.4 miles in length and provides views of the surrounding countryside containing a mixture of oak, hickory, maple and conifer tree communities.

#### RECOGNIZING THE W\*I\*N OF ROUND ROCK

##### HON. JOHN R. CARTER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 7, 2009*

Mr. CARTER. Madam Speaker, I would like to recognize W\*I\*N (Women Impacting the Nation) of Round Rock, Texas for their success in making a difference in the community in such a short time frame with Freedom Festival 2009.

The W\*I\*N organization helped organize and host the 2009 Freedom Fest held July 4th at Dell Diamond, a concert and firework presentation benefiting The Children of Fallen Soldiers. Children of Fallen Soldiers is a non-profit organization based out of Round Rock, Texas with a goal to provide each child who has lost a parent in the line of duty, with \$25,000 to assist with college expenses, or to otherwise help them to start out in the world when they turn 18. Fifteen central Texas children have been identified through the program to have lost a parent in the line of duty. The soldiers who were killed were all from Ft. Hood, Texas.

The Freedom Fest 2009, is just one of the events the W\*I\*N organization has sponsored and organized in Texas District 31. It is an honor to recognize and thank the local W\*I\*N group for their dedication to the families in Texas District 31, our community and our country.

#### EARMARK DECLARATION

##### HON. HOWARD P. "BUCK" McKEON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 7, 2009*

Mr. McKEON. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on ear-

marks, I am submitting the following information regarding Member priority requests I received as part of H.R. 3082, the "Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Act, 2010."

Requesting Member: Congressman HOWARD P. "BUCK" McKEON

Bill Number: H.R. 3082, the "Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Act, 2010"

Account: MILCON, Navy

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: U.S. Marine Corps Mountain Warfare Training Center

Address of Requesting Entity: U.S. Marine Corps Mountain Warfare Training Center, Bridgeport, CA, 93517

Description of Request: I requested and received a Member priority authorization request totaling \$6,830,000 for a new commissary at the U.S. Marine Corps Mountain Warfare Training Center. This project would construct a permanent commissary at the U.S. Marine Corps Mountain Warfare Training Center. Due to the remote location of the base outside Bridgeport, California, military members and their families travel dozens of miles over steep and sometimes impassable roadways to buy groceries and supplies. This project would eliminate that drive and provide an improved quality of life on base, especially during the winter months.

#### EARMARK DECLARATION

##### HON. ERIK PAULSEN

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 7, 2009*

Mr. PAULSEN. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican standards on Member requests, I am submitting the following information regarding congressionally directed appropriations projects I sponsored as part of H.R. 2847, FY 2010 Department of the Interior, Environment and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill.

Account: STAG Water and Wastewater Infrastructure

Amount: \$500,000

Requesting entity: City of Maple Plain

Address: 1620 Maple Avenue; Maple Plain, MN 55359

Description of Project Request: Funding would allow the City of Maple Plain to comply with Federal water standard mandates by helping finance a new water treatment facility. The facility is necessary to meet Environmental Protection Agency requirements for the city's water radium levels.

I certify that this project does not have a direct and foreseeable effect on the pecuniary interests of me or my spouse.

#### EARMARK DECLARATION

##### HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 7, 2009*

Mr. SHIMKUS. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 2847.

Requesting Member: JOHN M. SHIMKUS

Bill number: H.R. 2847